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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the first administration (PM1) on Tuesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 22nd. On Tuesday, students in grades 6-8 will take the Reading portion of the (FAST). On Thursday, students in grades 6-8 will take the Math portion of the (FAST). Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and we will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

*Students enrolled in an EOC Math course (Algebra or Geometry) will not participate in the FAST assessment, they will be working on their coursework with their math teacher during the designated testing times.

Additional FAST testing will occur in December and in May. EOC exams for Biology, Civics, Algebra, and Geometry will also be administered in May along with the State Science Assessment. Information will be sent out before testing is administered via Parent Link, the Coral Springs Middle School website, social media sites and through your child's teachers.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35-40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint", meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://ffast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Nicole Beaney at (754)322-3027. For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at <https://ffast.org>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging them to do their best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Sara La Rosa
Principal